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The Idaho State Department of Education has created brief questionnaires that ask students and school/district educators about their experience taking this spring's Math and ELA tests (by Smarter Balanced).

The state department desires feedback from **students and adult educators** (administrators, district testing and technology coordinators, district special education directors, teachers, and proctors) to guide recommendations for improvements.

Districts may administer the student questionnaires online, if desired, by using the following hyperlinks:

Grades 3-5 – <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7K3LZ6R>

Grades 6-8 – <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DRL3GFS>

Grades 9-11 – <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DRCZK57>

Educator Survey (Administrators, Test Coordinators, Technology Coordinators,

Teachers, Proctors) - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/28F3LZW>

ASSESSMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY UPDATES:

- **Actual Testing Times vs Estimate testing Times Table – ATTACHED**
 - We will be sending biweekly updates of testing times, but felt it would be useful to send these preliminary estimates now as some districts continue to build and modify testing schedules
 - **District Assessment Monitoring Application - *Cycle B*: Due April 15**
 - Application: <https://apps.sde.idaho.gov/AssessmentMonitoring>
 - Assessment Monitoring Cycle:
<http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/assessment/docs/District%20Monitoring%20Cycle.pdf>
 - SDE Contact: Stephanie Lee
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- **SAT**
 - **SAT Media and Security Protocol**
 - Idaho high schools which will participate in the SAT School Day on **April 15th**, please follow the proper media and security protocol associated with the SAT School Day administration.
 - As stated in the SAT School Day testing manuals, please following the following protocol below.
 - Do not allow any unauthorized visitors, including parents, guardians, or members of the media to enter the testing rooms.
 - Do not allow persons with video or audio recording equipment in or near the testing or registration area for any reason.
 - Authorized staff from the College Board, ETS or the sponsor (such as the school district) and sign language interpreters, are the only visitors allowed in the testing rooms. There are no exceptions.
 - Keep unauthorized persons out of the sight and hearing of the students until testing is complete. Limit access to the testing rooms and adjoining corridors. If the media are present during a test, they must remain outside of the building. Make sure their presence does not distract or disturb students. Stop any attempts by the media to record or photograph the test administration.
 - **Return of SAT Testing Materials**
 - If you are a school in North Idaho, be sure to check your pre-determined UPS pick-up time once the test materials shipment is received. Last year, the pre-determined UPS pick-up time for SAT test materials did not take into account the Pacific Time Zone. If the time will not work for your schedule, please contact UPS to change the pick-up time.
 - For Idaho's rural areas, test materials can be secured overnight and a UPS pick up time can be set up, directly by the school, for the next day.
- **TEST SECURITY REMINDERS**
 - **Cell Phone Policy: Cell phones are not allowed in testing locations.**
- **Media Releases:**
 - If the media speaks to any of your students on school grounds, you must make sure to have your district's media release on file for that student.
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- **ISAT ELA/Math (by Smarter Balanced):**

Tuesday, April 14 will be the first day to see ISAT Summative scores in ORS. Reminder: Students must complete BOTH and PT and CAT to receive a score. Scores will be available 10 business days after the student completes and submit BOTH portions of the test. ORS will be closed Monday 4/13/2015 in preparation.

- The Interim Assessment test window will close 5:00 PM **April 13, 2015**. It will reopen June 1, 2015. We apologize, this is earlier than previously stated.
- Updated documents: *None in the last week*

- **Upcoming Professional Development (sde.idaho.gov/site/assessment/PD)**

District and School Implementation Guidance Webinar

Wednesday, April 15, 12:00PM MST

Smarter Balanced developed a suite of communications and planning resources for schools and districts, for use in communicating with their community about the assessment system. We encourage each district to attend as well as extend this invitation to central office staff, principals, and school-level personnel.

[Materials and Registration](#)

- **Digital Library Resources Webinars:**

- [Using Learning Progressions to Formatively Assess Students' Ability to Analyze Arguments](#) **April 15**, 12-1pm PST. Click here to [Register](#)
- [Using a Learning Progression to Formatively Assess the Concept of Slope](#) **April 16**, 12-1pm PST. Click here to [Register](#)

- **Using the Online Reporting System (ORS) for Math/ELA ISATs**

Mon, Apr 20, 2015 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM MDT

This is a repeat of previous professional development conducted on how to use the Online Reporting System features, generate reports, and examine student, class, school, district and state performance. Starting April 14th, ISAT scores for Math and ELA/Literacy will begin to populate the system. There is a renewed interest in how to view and use the data being reported from our summative assessments. This is considered a professional development session and is appropriate for any district or school user that will be using ORS.

[Registration URL: Webinar ID: 120-802-947](#)

- **ISAT Science, Retakes, EOCs:**

- Possible Items vs. # of Items Students completed
- Grade 5 ISAT Science has a total of 70 items in which 28 are field test and 42 operational items. For Grade 7, a total of 69 items, 48 operational and 21 field test items. Students will see that they've possibly answered more than the possible number of items.

ISAT Science Grade	Total Items	# of Operational Items	# of Field Test Items
5	70	42	28
7	69	48	21



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- **National Center and State Collaborative Alt (NCSC):**
 - Please contact Toni Wheeler if you have students who have moved into your district during the assessment window. I am able to move them from their previous district.
 - Reminder: Tests should only be **closed** if a student demonstrates no observable communication mode. Tests should not be closed if the student has behaviors or chooses the wrong answer.
 - If you need to add students you must use the State EDUID not your local student ID#.
- **IRI and IRI Alt: Testing Window April 01 – May 01**
 - **Reporting/discrepancy deadline May 15th**
 - Application: <https://apps.sde.idaho.gov/IRI/Home/Home>
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 - Technical/Password Support: support@sde.idaho.gov
 - IRI Alt: <http://idahotc.com/alternate-assessment/Documents>
 - SDE Contact: Toni Wheeler
 - SDE Contact Email: tcwheeler@sde.idaho.gov
 - Mail to: Toni Wheeler / ISDE / 650 W. State St. / Boise/ ID/ 83720-0027
 - Post Marked by June 1
- **IELA**
 - **IELA Archived Reports - Service Point**

As we come to the end of the state's contract with the IELA testing vendor, Questar, it is important for districts to download all historical/archived data and reports housed on Service Point.

While the Questar support desk will be available into the summer, it is advised that districts begin early and download all archived data and reports at the time they go into Service Point to download the 2014-15 data.



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• 2014-2015 Participation Appeals

- SDE Contact: Stephanie Lee
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Make-up Window	May 11 th – May 22 nd (regular assessing can still occur)
New students enrolled during testing window	Students enrolled on or before May 8th are REQUIRED to test ELA, Math, Science, and NCSC (<i>eligible students only</i>) ❖ Students not tested will count towards participation
Definition of Participation	<p>ISAT by Smarter Balanced (grades 3-8 and 10)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Took the assessment • Received a valid score • Assigned a proficiency level <p><i>Definition of participation is used when calculating state participation at the school, district, and state levels. Click here for NCLB Code § 1111 (b) (2))</i></p> <p>ISAT Science (grades 5 and 7)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valid score • Proficiency Level <p>EOC in Biology and/or Chemistry (grades 10-12)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valid score • Proficiency Level <p>NCSC ELA and Math</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valid Score <p>ISAT Alt. Science Portfolios Students eligible for alts after February 1 are exempt from ISAT Alt Science</p>
Required 95% Participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Idaho Code: 08.02.03.04.b.i ➤ No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Code § 1111 (b) (2))
Consequences of not meeting 95% Participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possible calculation of a three year participation average for each subject • Districts not meeting 95% may have federal funding withheld, USDE has yet to provide guidance to ISDE
Required 2014 -2015 Assessments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grades 3-8 and 10 ISAT by Smarter Balanced ELA and Math (<i>Optional grade 9 and 11</i>) • Grades 3-8 and 11 NCSC Alternate Assessment Math and ELA • Grades 5, 7, and 10 for ISAT-Alt Science • Grades 5 and 7 for ISAT Science • End of Course Assessments (EOC) in Biology and/or Chemistry for HS Science (Grades 10-12) • Grades 5, 7, and 10 for ISAT-Alt Science
2015 Appeal Window	To Be Determined
What CAN be Appealed?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant medical emergency • Invalid EDUID • LEP 1 students (IELA or ISAT by Smarter)
What can NOT be Appealed?	<u>May ISEE upload</u> (<i>data submitted cannot be changed – data was certified by district personnel</i>)